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FOLLOWING REPEAT BAGHDAD 884 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BEIRUT,
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SUBJECT: IRAQ PRESS ON INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENTS AND DIEGO GARCIA

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1. UNDER HEADING "A STRATEGY OF YESTERDAY" BAGHDAD OBSERVER WROTE
DEC 12 THAT CENTO'S MARITIME MILITARY EXERCISES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN,
CODE-NAMED "MIDLINK-74", ARE RESULT OF WESTERN COUNTRIES'S INCREASED
INTEREST IN ARAB GULF COUNTRIES' OIL, AND THAT "CENTO'S GODFATHERS"
HAVE TO UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTIONS REGULARLY TO "WREST THE BLOC FROM THE
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CLUTCHES OF CLINICAL DEATH." THE GREATEST INTEREST IN THIS AREA IS

SHOWN BY THE U.S., WITH INVESTMENTS HERE " ALREADY EXCEEDING 2000 MILLION DOLLARS."

THE PENTAGON IS "SEEKING TO EXTEND THEIR NETWORK AT THE EXPENSE OF BLOC COLLEAGUES AND IS ENCOURAGING THE UNPRECEDENTED ARMS RACE IN THE ARAB GULF COUNTRIES." PAPER STATES THAT OF GREATER IMPORTANCE IS APPEARANCE OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN REGION FOR FIRST TIME SINCE OCTOBER WAR, SUGGESTING THAT MIDLINK-74 IS BEING USED "TO CONCENTRATE THE LARGE NAVAL FORCES OF THE WEST AGAINST A POSSIBLE CRISIS SITUATION."

2. DECEMBER 14 OBSERVER COMMENTS,"JIDGING BY THE PRESS REPORTS, DIEGO GARCIA IS BEING PROVIDED WITH AN AIRFIELD CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING STRATEGIC BOMBERS, BERTHS FOR NUCLEAR SUBMARINES, AND PROBABLY AIRCRAFT CARRIERS." THE D.G. BASE MAY COMPENSATE IN PART FOR THE FAILURE TO TURN CYPRUS INTO A NATO BASE, BECAUSE IT WILL BRING UNDER CONTROL THE SOUTHERN LEG OF THE SEA ROUTE THROUGH THE CANAL WHEN IT BEGINS TO FUNCTION AGAIN. PAPER CALLS FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM MEETING THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF ALL PEOPLE OF THAT CONTINENT WHICH MAY HELP CLOSE DOWN THE FOREIGN MILITARY BASE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND TURN IT INTO AS ZONE OF PEACE. USREY UNQTE KISSINGER

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